

## **DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**

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Ms. Anita Kinney America Transparency 200 S. Frontage Road, Suite 106 Burr Ridge, IL 60527

Dear Ms. Kinney,

Subj: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) CASE NUMBER DON-NAVY-2021-000288

This letter is in response to your request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated October 13, 2020, where you request the following:

"I am requesting recordings and training materials from the following training events delivered via the Navy's Total Force Training website, per attached screenshot from EXWC:

- "Cultural Competence and Awareness"
- "Fostering Accountability, Adaptability, and Resilience"
- "Workplace Sensitivity"
- "Developing a Resilient Mindset""

It has been determined that the Naval Facilities Engineering Command has no records responsive to your request. The requested training materials are not agency records. The materials you are seeking were created by third parties and are not under the control of the federal government.

You have the right to an appeal. The appeal must be received within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. Please provide a letter requesting an appeal, with a copy of your initial request and a copy of the letter of denial, in an envelope marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." You are encouraged (though not required) to provide an explanation as to why you believe the redactions were inappropriate or our search was inadequate. Also, please provide a copy of your appeal letter to us at Naval Facilities Engineering Command, 1322 Patterson Avenue, SE, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5065.

There are two ways to file an appeal—through FOIAonline or by mail.

## 1. Through FOIAonline: Go to

https://www.foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home/. Locate your request (enter a keyword or the request tracking number in the "Search" field), click on it, then the "Create Appeal" tab in the left-hand column. Complete the subsequent field, click "Save," and FOIAonline will submit your appeal.

## 2. By mail: Address your appeal to:

Department of the Navy Office of the General Counsel 1000 Navy Pentagon, Room 5A532 Washington, DC 20350-1000

If you have any questions, please contact the FOIA coordinator at abby.machalec@navy.mil, (202) 685-9269. You may also contact the Department of the Navy (DON) FOIA Public Liaison, Christopher Julka, at christopher.a.julka@navy.mil, (703) 697-0031. In addition, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) provides a voluntary mediation process for resolving disputes between persons making FOIA requests and the DON. For more information, go to <a href="https://www.archives.gov/ogis/about-ogis/contact-information">https://www.archives.gov/ogis/about-ogis/contact-information</a>.

Sincerely,

P. A. POLLOCK

By direction

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